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Media Advisory

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REMINDER – Adjustments to requirements for certain travellers entering Canada in effect as of January 15, 2022

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Public Health Agency of Canada

The Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC) would like to remind travellers returning home and fully vaccinated foreign nationals planning to visit Canada ~~that now is not the time to travel. If you must travel,~~ ensure that you meet all [entry requirements](#) before heading to the border ~~or the airport~~. As ~~previously announced~~, effective January 15, 2022, exemptions from entry, testing and quarantine requirements in place for certain groups of travellers who are not fully vaccinated will end.

To be considered fully vaccinated a traveller must have received the full series of a vaccine – or a combination of [vaccines – accepted by the Government of Canada](#) at least 14 days prior to entering Canada.

Foreign nationals

Entry requirements

Certain groups of foreign national travellers who are currently exempt from entry requirements will only be allowed to enter the country if they are [considered fully vaccinated](#). These groups include:

- individuals travelling to reunite with family (unvaccinated children under 18 years of age will retain exemption if travelling to reunite with an immediate or extended family member who is a Canadian, permanent resident, or person registered under the *Indian Act*);
- international students who are 18 years old and older;
- professional and amateur athletes;
- individuals with a valid work permit, including temporary foreign workers (outside of those in agriculture and food processing); and
- most essential service providers, including truck drivers and marine researchers.

After January 15, 2022, unvaccinated or partially vaccinated foreign nationals will only be allowed to enter Canada if they meet the criteria for limited exceptions, which apply to certain groups such as:

- agricultural and food processing workers;
- marine crew members;
- those entering on compassionate grounds;
- new permanent residents;
- resettling refugees;
- some children under the age of 18; and
- emergency service providers who are required to provide their services in response to an active emergency in Canada.

Non-exempt unvaccinated or partially vaccinated foreign nationals who do not meet one of the limited exemptions will be prohibited entry into Canada.

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Commented [SC3]: CBSA is working on an NIE to decouple ArriveCAN requirement to be considered fully vaccinated. If this happens we should only include this hyperlink if that change has been made online as well at time of release

Commented [AG4R4]: From CBSA SPB TF + BTF: essentially the NIE would exempt fully vaccinated FN truckers from being denied entry solely for the reason of not using AC. We would still promote and expect compliance. **We recommend not getting into any of those details in this advisory**





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Testing and quarantine

Fully vaccinated foreign national **essential service providers** who are currently exempt from arrival and day 8 testing requirements, as well as quarantine requirements will remain exempt.

Other groups, **such as** those entering on compassionate grounds, new permanent residents and resettling refugees will be subject to arrival and post-arrival testing and quarantine measures.

Travellers with right of entry

Travellers with right of entry (Canadian citizens, permanent residents and persons registered under the *Indian Act*) will continue to be permitted entry to Canada regardless of their vaccination status.

Travellers who are currently exempt from testing and quarantine requirements (e.g. **truckers, certain emergency service providers**) who are not fully vaccinated, will remain exempt from **pre-entry, arrival and Day-8, testing and quarantine requirements**. Any individual who is symptomatic upon arrival to Canada will be directed to a Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC) official at the border and will be required to isolate for 10 days.

New permanent residents, resettling refugees and those entering on compassionate grounds who are unvaccinated or partially vaccinated will be subject to **arrival testing, Day-8 testing and a 14-day quarantine**.

Resettling refugees will be exempt from **pre-entry testing**.

Pre-entry test requirement

All travellers, regardless of citizenship, unless exempt, must provide proof of:

- a negative COVID-19 molecular test **result** taken within 72 hours of their scheduled flight to Canada or **arrival** at the land border; or
- a positive COVID-19 molecular test **result** that was taken between 10 and 180 days before entering Canada.

Travellers with right of entry to Canada who arrive at the border with a positive pre-entry test result taken less than 10 days before arriving in Canada will be allowed entry, but will be required to isolate and may be fined \$5,000 per traveller (plus surcharges). Foreign nationals who do not provide proof of a valid negative molecular test result will be denied entry to Canada.

ArriveCAN

All travellers must continue to submit their mandatory information via **ArriveCAN** (free mobile app or website), including proof of vaccination in English or French and a quarantine plan prior to arriving in **Canada**.

Compliance and enforcement

Non-compliance with **entry requirements** may result in enforcement actions, such as **fines** or **being denied entry into Canada**. Fines range from \$825 up to \$750,000, six months in jail, or both.

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Commented [AG6]: From CBSA BTF: Need to caution that this will mean something completely different as of Jan 15th. The current definition of essential service provider means one thing, but it will change as of Saturday when the CPHO list changes. Should be clear as to what cohorts this includes. ¶

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¶ However, while this will be the case for truckers and certain emergency service providers, other current essential service providers will no longer be exempt from quarantine if not fully vaccinated. For example cross-border workers will be required

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The Government of Canada's response to the COVID-19 pandemic will continue to prioritize the health and safety of Canadians. As vaccination levels, case counts and hospitalization rates evolve, the Government of Canada will continue to consider further targeted measures at the borders—and when to lift or adjust them—to keep Canadians safe.

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